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Dear David:

I received your letter of May 2 and your enclosed article from the NATIONAL REVIEW. I have read the article and I believe it demolishes the argument of the second gunman and the testimony of the experts on acoustics.

I have found very little interest in this so-called new evidence and no one who has considered it seriously. Of course there are some, as there always have been, who will believe that a second gunman and a conspiracy were involved, but this last conclusion, made at the last moment by the Committee, seems to me to have no foundation, as you pointed out so correctly.

No one was able to identify anyone on the "grassy knoll," or any other place, who could have fired at the car of the late President, no shells and no rifle were found, and the automobiles in the procession and no persons in the crowd were struck by a bullet. It seems strange that with no evidence of any kind except the so-called acoustical evidence that the Committee would have done anything except to mention that such evidence had been given.

You have kept up the matter in the best possible fashion and I appreciate your sending me your article. I still doubt that very few people, including the media, have even read the summary of the evidence found by the Warren Commission.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

John Sherman Cooper

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Yesterday paper said the report would be filed, I will get it, when published, and send to you, - perhaps you would rather ask for my yesterday news article in the Wash Post - was short, and now emphasizes towards possible connection with two Mafia gangsters - said to be friends of John & Bobby, and that Ruby had talked to them. Also Lyndon Hyde and Bobby Kennedy, and a woman named Odio - whose in an effort, who claims she was gang- man was grassy knoll - all crazy